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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 239 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 239 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

DIANA J. LIAO

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/11/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 and 20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Doughty on 1/19/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A structure, comprising:
a substrate; and
an antisoiling layer having a photocatalytic property formed on at least part of a surface of the substrate;
wherein:
the antisoiling layer comprises a titanium dioxide-based layer and an underlayer (UL) immediately beneath the titanium dioxide-based layer;
the titanium dioxide-based layer comprises titanium ~~oxide~~ dioxide at least partly crystallized in anatase form;
the underlayer (UL) has a crystallographic structure that assisted in crystallization of the titanium ~~oxide~~ dioxide, by heteroepitaxial growth in the anatase form, of the titanium ~~oxide~~ dioxide-based layer; and
the photocatalytic property is obtained without performing a heating step.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the underlayer (UL) comprises a compound crystallized in a cubic or tetragonal system and having a lattice cell dimension equal to that of TiO₂ crystallized in anatase form to within $\pm 8\%$.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the underlayer (UL) consists of ATiO₃, A denoting barium or strontium.

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Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the underlayer (UL) has a thickness of between 10 and 100 nm.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the substrate is in a form selected from the group consisting of a sheet having planar or curved faces, monolithic or laminated glass, glass-ceramic or hard thermoplastic, and glass or glass-ceramic fibers; and
a functional layer is optionally provided on the substrate beneath the underlayer (UL).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The structure as claimed in claim 5, wherein:
the substrate comprises glass or glass-ceramic; and
at least one functional layer is provided on the substrate beneath the underlayer (UL) as a barrier to migration of alkali metals from the glass or glass-ceramic.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The structure as claimed in claim 5, wherein at least one functional layer is provided on the substrate beneath the underlayer (UL), the at least one functional layer comprising a layer having an optical functionality, a thermal control layer or a conducting layer.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The structure as claimed in claim 5, wherein:
the substrate comprises glass or glass-ceramic; and
a layer acting as a barrier to the migration of alkali metals from the glass or glass-ceramic and a monolayer, bilayer or trilayer having an optical functionality are formed on the substrate.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the titanium ~~oxide~~ dioxide-based layer consists of TiO_2 alone or of TiO_2 doped with at least one dopant selected from the group consisting of N, pentavalent cations, Fe and Zr.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the titanium ~~oxide~~ dioxide-based layer is formed by deposition at room temperature by a technique selected from the group consisting of vacuum sputtering, magnetron sputtering and ion-beam sputtering.

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Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the underlayer (UL) is formed by deposition at room temperature by a technique selected from the group consisting of vacuum sputtering, magnetron sputtering and ion-beam sputtering.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The structure as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

ATiO₃ is deposited at room temperature by a technique selected from the group consisting of vacuum sputtering, magnetron sputtering and ion-beam sputtering, using ceramic targets comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of ATiO₃, ATiO_{3-x}, wherein $0 < x < 3$, and ATi;

deposition is carried out using a radiofrequency supply and an atmosphere of argon only when ATiO₃ is used as target, or using a DC or AC supply and an atmosphere of oxygen and argon when ATi or ATiO_{3-x} is used as target;

the ~~TiO₂~~ titanium dioxide-based layer is deposited after the underlayer (UL) in the same sputtering chamber.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the structure comprises at least one overlayer formed over the titanium ~~oxide~~ dioxide-based layer; and

the overlayer comprises a material that does not disturb the antisoiling function of the titanium ~~oxide~~ dioxide-based layer.

Claims 14-19 (Cancelled).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A single or multiple glazing, comprising the structure of claim 1, wherein:

the antisoiling layer and the underlayer (UL) are present at an external face of the glazing; and

a face of the glazing not provided with the antisoiling layer and the underlayer (UL) optionally comprises at least one additional functional layer.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach or suggest the creation of an at least partly crystallized titanium dioxide

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layer without a heating step. The processes of the prior involve heating the substrate or reactor which the deposition takes place, or does not teach a crystalline film as a product. In addition, when a crystalline film is formed, there is no evidence that the crystal structure of any underlayer would have had any possible interaction leading to an at least partly crystallized anatase layer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIANA J. LIAO whose telephone number is (571)270-3592. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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